

in vocational employment, interaction with the public, and a close connection with communities. Today, SARAH works with businesses throughout the region, enabling hundreds of men and women to find steady, meaningful employment and build a sense of self-esteem. SARAH's first community residence was opened in Branford in 1977. Soon more homes were added in other communities as well as residences for individuals with multiple disabilities. The organization's commitment to providing a warm, nurturing environment and personalized residential care have made it a model for other agencies in Connecticut and across the country.

Built from love and compassion, SARAH is an extraordinary organization that has and continues to have the most positive of impacts on the lives of those with disabilities and their families. Today, as they mark their 60th Anniversary, I am honored to offer my heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks and appreciation for their invaluable contributions to our community, our state, and our nation.

**COLLIER EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Collier County Emergency Management Team. In the wake of Hurricane Irma in Collier County, the employees and volunteers of Collier County Emergency Management (EM) worked diligently to keep residents informed and safe both before and after the storm.

I applaud and thank Sheriff Rambosk, Director Summers, County Manager Leo Ochs, Deputy County Manager Nick Casalanguida, Chief Schettino, Chief Weschler, Chief Murphy, and all city and local officials for their tireless work in keeping our community safe and secure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, due to Hurricane Harvey and the severe impact it had on my district, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in Washington for votes on September 5, 2017.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 439, and YEA on Roll Call No. 440.

RECOGNIZING PAUL MORENO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of former Texas State Representative Paul Moreno.

Mr. Moreno was born on April 28, 1931 to Avelina Ramirez and Reyes Moreno, Sr. He grew up in El Paso, TX where he attended Bowie High School and then went on to serve in the Korean War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Eventually, he graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a BBA and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin.

At the age of 22, Paul Moreno was paralyzed in an accident and left a quadriplegic. Despite this challenge, Mr. Moreno remained in good spirits and never lost his sense of duty. In 1967, Mr. Moreno would get elected to the Texas State House of Representatives. He eventually became the longest serving Hispanic official elected in the United States after 40 years of service. During his time in office, he gained a reputation for doing what was right and became known as the "Conscience of the Texas House".

As a member of the Texas State House of Representatives, Paul Moreno served as the first chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. Moreno later worked to help establish both the El Paso Legal Assistance Society and the Paso del Norte Tejano Democrats. Mr. Moreno was a valuable member of the Texas community and a very active, accomplished member of the state house.

Paul is survived by his only daughter, Annette Moreno-Alvarado, his three granddaughters, Innette, Evette (Nathan) and Amarette, great-grandchildren, Josiah Paul Trevizo and Ariah Navette Trevizo, Brother, Freddy (Carol) Moreno, Sister, Blanche Darley and numerous beloved nieces and nephews and family members.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Paul Moreno.

**HONORING THE CENTRO DE
INFORMACIÓN 45TH ANNIVERSARY
IN BARTLETT, ILLINOIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Centro de Información in celebrating their 45th Anniversary. Since 1972, Centro de Información has been dedicated to serving our community in helping more than 15,000 Hispanic immigrants every year.

Immigrants come to America hoping for a better life, better work, and most of all, a better future. Centro de Información plays a crucial role in helping immigrants achieve these dreams.

Starting as an outreach mission of the United Methodist Church and the Catholic Archdiocese of Rockford, Centro has grown to be a valued resource within our community. With the changes in our community, Centro has grown its services and now provides bilingual advocacy, parenting skills training, community education, and youth programs.

For 45 amazing years, Centro de Información has provided vital resources to the community such as application workshops for those in search of citizenship, and services for housing and employment. Moreover, they are an official Illinois Welcoming Center for refugees, something to be proud of. They have built powerful relationships with various

organizations throughout our region, and have earned the valuable trust of people throughout Northern Illinois.

Without them, the communities of Elgin, Hanover Park, and Carpentersville would be incomplete. Social service is not just a great accomplishment but a great kindness. Our world is better for the work that Centro does.

Immigrant families travel to our neighborhoods with limited resources at their disposal, but for the past 45 years, Centro de Información has been there for them, and Centro will continue to be there for future generations of immigrants.

I honor Centro de Información as they celebrate their anniversary.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEST
NANTMEAL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the West Nantmeal Township Historic Commission. The individuals who make up this commission dedicate their time to the preservation of their community's past. This team ensures historic records and structures are not lost to time. They also hold monthly meetings and informative events that engage and stimulate the community's appreciation for their shared history. This engagement provides an opportunity for individuals to share their own history, which the historic commission uses to build upon the community's story, deepening everyone's understanding and appreciation for their past.

On September 23rd, this group will hold a dedication ceremony that honors the crew and pilot of a B-24 Bomber that crashed in the West Nantmeal Township during a World War II training mission.

It is because of their efforts that stories like that of the flight crew will not be lost to history.

I thank the West Nantmeal Township Historic Commission's dedication to their community's past.

**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
RALPH CHUEY**

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Ralph B. Chuey who passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at St. Elizabeth Health Center, in Boardman, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family.

Ralph was born May 29, 1930, in Youngstown, Ohio to Andrew and Mary (Bunofsky) Chuey. He graduated from Struthers High School in 1948, and was promptly drafted into the U.S. Army, where he proudly served his country in the Panama Canal zone during the Korean conflict. Shortly thereafter, he began a 40-plus-year career driving a local delivery truck for Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake.

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him knew that Ralph was a go-getter. Once at

a party, he stole his buddy's good-looking date, Miss Colette Martin. They were wed on Oct. 7, 1967. Their beautiful life together brought them two daughters who were the lights of his life. He worked tirelessly to provide for them and set an amazing example of hard work and dedication.

Ralph formerly served as a zoning inspector for the city of Girard. He was a true patriot who belonged to both the American Legion and the V.F.W., as well as having served as a Democratic precinct committeeman. He was politically active and was involved in many local campaigns throughout the years.

In his spare time, Ralph enjoyed gardening, collecting antiques, complaining, Youngstown State University football, anything related to Cleveland sports, cheering for whatever team his son-in-law, Pat was currently coaching, and watching John Wayne movies with a fresh box of cheese crackers and a cold beer. He was a true Civil War buff and spent his most enjoyable hours dressing in costume and teaching others about the Civil War, particularly Ulysses S. Grant. He especially enjoyed taking part in the school tours at the Girard Historical Society Barnhisel House Museum, where he also played an instrumental role in the museum's restoration.

Those who will carry on his legacy include his loving wife of almost 50 years; his daughter, Erin (Pat) Meyer of Huntington Beach, Calif., and his daughter, Shawna Chuey and Quentin Miles of Washington, DC; three grandchildren, Chris, Emma, and Sophia; his brother, Tom (Pat) Chuey of Poland, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would especially like to thank Dan Hromyak and Leslie "Dani" Diana for their support and devotion to their Uncle Ralph. Ralph will be laid to rest at Girard City Cemetery, with military honors. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING TOWER ONE/TOWER EAST ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Tower One/Tower East in New Haven, Connecticut as they mark their 50th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this special organization.

Committed to its mission "to provide older persons of varying means with high quality living arrangements and services based upon Jewish values and traditions," the Towers has been a place of care and solace to hundreds of residents over the last half century. The organization is led by a dedicated staff and outstanding Board of Directors made up of leaders from across the community. The staff and Board have worked hard over the years to meet the changing needs of their residents and, in doing so, have created a unique environment in which their seniors are assured an affordable place to live with dignity and security in their golden years.

Designed by renowned architect Charles Moore and located on the southern edge of New Haven's downtown, Tower One opened

its doors in 1971 and was followed a decade later by Tower East. Today, the Towers are comprised of 328 apartments that offer safe, affordable independent and assisted living as well as a full schedule of social, enrichment, and cultural programs. The Towers has been recognized both locally and nationally with multiple best practice awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Connecticut Assisted Living Association.

The Towers have always been a special place to me. When my mother, Luisa, served on the City's Board of Aldermen, she was fortunate enough to have been invited to attend and speak at the opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting at the Towers. As an elected official, she focused much of her attention on seniors. She visited the various senior centers and housing facilities to talk with the residents. She continued those visits on my behalf after I was elected to Congress. The Towers, its residents and staff alike, always welcomed her with open arms and have extended that same warmth to me over the years.

The Towers are so much more than a group of buildings—it is a community. I am honored to have this opportunity to rise today to extend my sincere thanks and heartfelt congratulations to the Board of Directors and staff, past and present, of Tower One/Tower East as they mark their 50th Anniversary. Mazel Tov.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 13, I was unavoidably detained and subsequently missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 486 and YEA on Roll Call No. 487.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HARVEY MILNER, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a terrific educator, strong civic leader, dedicated man of God, and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Harvey Milner, Sr., who retired from his position as Deputy Director of Public Services for the Columbus Public Works Department. He was honored in a retirement ceremony on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Columbus Government Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Harvey Milner, Sr. was born to the late Horace and Verlue Milner as the fourth of eight children. He is the loving husband of Mrs. Glendon Milner, the father of three children, Mr. Demetrius Milner, Mr. Harvey Milner, Jr., and Mrs. Lisa Rhodes, and the father-in-law of two, Mrs. Keyona Milner and Nathaniel Rhodes. A humble servant of God, he recounts becoming saved at an early age as he received the Gift of the Holy Ghost and came to know the Lord. He is humbled in his love

for God and his church, serving on the deacon board for over 29 years.

Harvey earned both his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and his master's degree in Education with emphasis in Criminal Justice from Troy University. He was also a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy Class 42, in Fort Bliss, Texas. He went on to serve as a Command Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army for twenty-four years, before retiring. He also served eight years with the Columbus Police Department. He started in the Patrol Division before being promoted to the First Crime Analysis Office. From there, he served as the Division Manager for Public Services, before being promoted to his most recent position as the Deputy Director of Public Services. Although he is retiring, Harvey will continue to serve as an Adjunct Professor with the University of Maryland (UMUC) where he will passionately teach students of all ages how to protect themselves from cybercrimes.

In addition to his professional achievements, he served on a number of boards and was affiliated with several associations. These included serving as a board member, and president of the Muscogee Rotary Club, secretary of the 100 Black Men of Columbus, Inc., and supervisor for Georgia Association Conservation Districts, as well as, memberships on the Big Brothers Advisory Committee, Columbus Consolidated Government Pension Board, and Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council. He has also been invited to speak for numerous civic and church events.

Harvey Milner has demonstrated through his career and life, outstanding achievement, service and public distinction. Our community, our state and our nation are better because of him.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 700 thousand citizens of the 2nd Congressional District in honoring and commending Mr. Harvey Milner, Sr. for his contributions to his community and human kind.

HONORING CITY OF LITTLETON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE BRUCE BECKMAN

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to City of Littleton Mayor and City Council Member At Large Bruce Beckman for his many years of extraordinary work and dedication to the City of Littleton. Mayor Beckman's leadership has, amongst other accomplishments, contributed to the city's reputation as one of the best places to live in the State of Colorado and in our nation.

Throughout Mayor Beckman's tenure as both Mayor and City Councilman, he consistently guided city policy towards improving the quality of life and growth. He has worked relentlessly towards preserving and cultivating a quality community, developing a financially sound city government, and pursuing a balanced and sustainable local economy.

In addition, Mayor Beckman has represented the interests and concerns of the